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SUBJECT: STATEMENTS ON ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES FROM PRESIDENT CARTER'S INTERVIEW

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF EXCERPTS
FROM PRESIDENT CARTER'S INTERVIEW
WITH NEWSPAPER EDITORS RELEASED SATURDAY EVENING. BEGIN
TEXT:

2. "I THINK SADAT'S INITIATIVE HAS BEEN BOLD AND COURAGEOUS.
I THINK IT IS TOO EARLY TO SAY WHETHER OR NOT THE ISRAELIS
RESPONSE IS ADEQUATE. THAT IS FOR SADAT TO JUDGE. THE
MAJOR BONE OF CONTENTION RIGHT NOW, OF COURSE, IS THE
HIGHLY PUBLICIZED ISRAELI POSITION ON SETTLEMENTS WHICH
WE HAVE ALWAYS CONSIDERED TO BE ILLEGAL.

3. "I JUST CAN'T IMAGINE PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AND THE
ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAVING THE BASIC PEACE NEGOTIATIONS
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BREAK DOWN BECAUSE OF AN ARGUMENT ABOUT SETTLEMENTS. IT
MAY VERY WELL BE THAT IN THE WEST BANK OR THE SINAI THAT
THERE COULD BE SOME MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN JORDAN, EGYPT,
ISRAEL; THAT SOME OF THOSE ISRAELI SETTLERS COULD STAY ON
THERE. BUT THAT WOULD BE TIED IN VERY INTIMATELY WITH
WHETHER OR NOT UNITED NATIONS FORCES PROVIDED PEACE KEEPING

FORCES OR WHETHER THE RESPONSIBILITY WAS JORDAN'S OR
PALESTINE'S OR EGYPT'S.

4. "I THINK THE DETAILS OF THOSE THINGS ARE MATTERS THAT
I OUGHT NOT TO ADDRESS PUBLICLY. I DO DISCUSS WITHOUT
CONSTRAINT WITH BOTH BEGIN AND SADAT, AND WE ARE VERY
FORCEFUL IN LETTING PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AND THE ARAB
LEADERS KNOW WHEN WE DISAGREE WITH THEIR POSITION." VANCE

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